

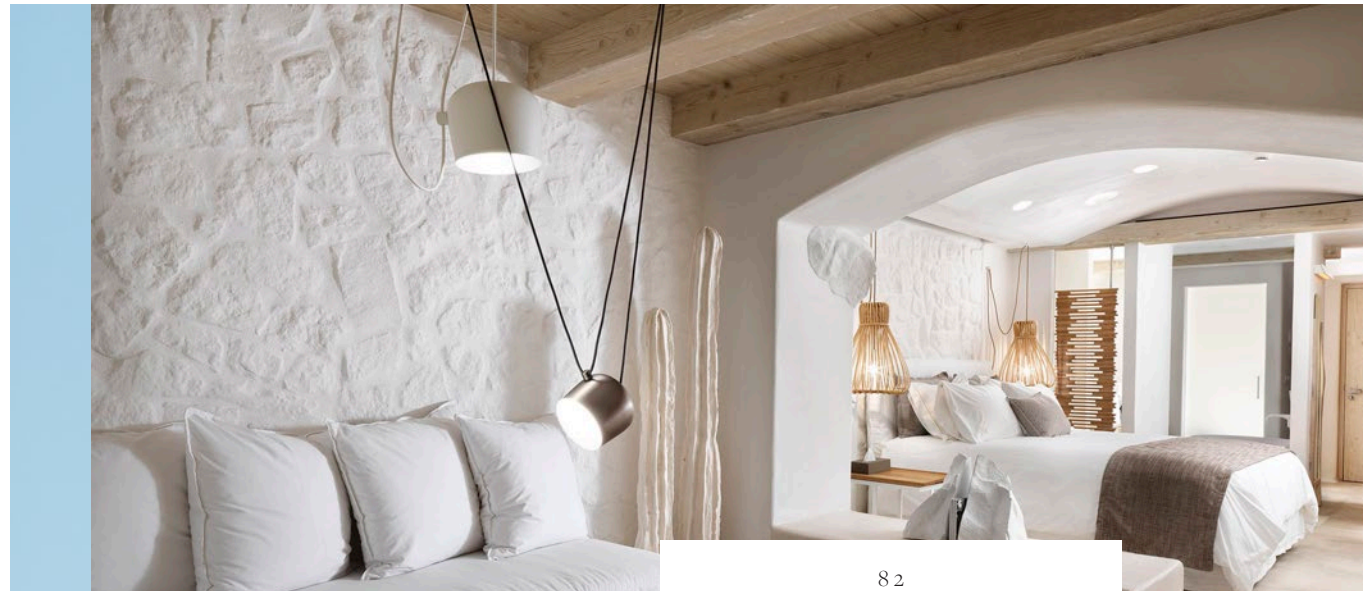
*Hotel Casa San Agustín  
in Cartagena, Colombia*

THE BEST FOR...

# BOUTIQUE GLAMOUR

| LUXURIOUS SKI CHAËTS | A SHAMANISTIC JUNGLE HIDEAWAY | A SPANISH HILLTOP EYRIE |





82

### Kensho Boutique Hotel & Suites

[MYKONOS, GREECE]

Overlooking the beautiful Ornos Bay in the south of the island, Kensho is an exquisite new hotel. Dreamy interior design incorporates muted tones to create a soothing oasis, where you can indulge in sublime cuisine that fuses traditional Greek flavours and modern cooking techniques, as well as fantastic cocktails and world-class spa treatments.

The 35 bedrooms have Hermès products, a sleek iPad control and most have plunge pools or Jacuzzis, but if you want to leave, there is an on-demand private transfer to Mykonos Old Town.

*From £339 a room a night  
([www.kenshomykonos.com](http://www.kenshomykonos.com)).*



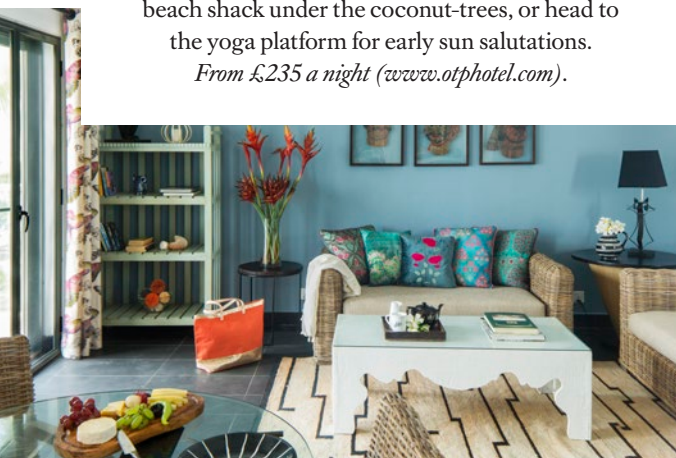
81

### Owl and the Pussycat

[GALLE, SRI LANKA]

This small, tranquil hotel sits at the water's edge in Galle, and many of the 17 suites have unspoilt vistas across the Indian Ocean. The unique interiors blend bright silks, patterned floor tiles and local artworks, and the vibrant decor continues in the hotel restaurant, the Runcible Spoon (of course), which serves up Sri Lankan specialties including prawn curry with lemon ginger rice. Elsewhere, you can relax with a seaside massage while listening to the sounds of the waves, sip a spicy cocktail in the beach shack under the coconut-trees, or head to the yoga platform for early sun salutations.

*From £235 a night ([www.otphotel.com](http://www.otphotel.com)).*



83

### G-Rough

[ROME, ITALY]

Ten spacious suites in G-Rough, a 17th-century townhouse near Piazza Navona, are yours to call home at this hipster-luxe den, whose name nods to the bold decision to leave the walls stripped back inside.

Unearthed fragments of decoration and pencil sketches from years gone by are complemented by stylish reclaimed pieces from the Sicilian design firm Leftover. There's no restaurant, but plates of local cheeses and charcuterie can be sampled at G-Bar, or ask the hotel's 'lifestyle manager' to arrange dinner prepared by a Cordon Bleu-trained chef in a privately owned palazzo just moments away.

*From about £335 a room a night ([www.g-rough.com](http://www.g-rough.com)).*



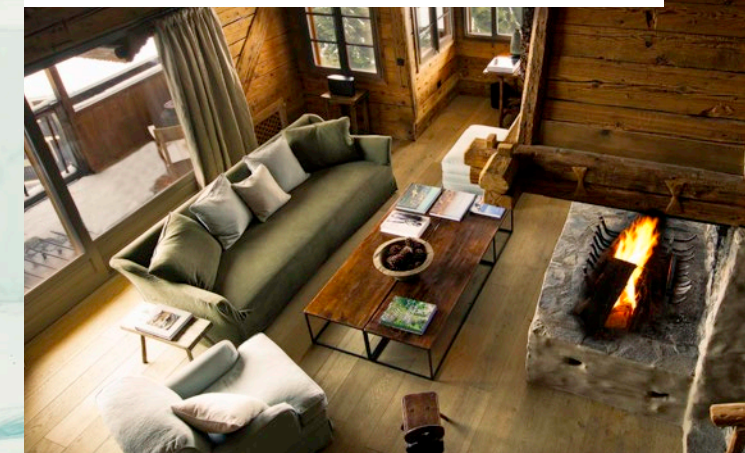
85

### Le Chalet Zannier

[MEGEVE, FRANCE]

Tucked away in the French Alps, in the lovely winter-sports village of Megève, Le Chalet Zannier is a collection of three opulent chalets. Minimalist and cosy, the property possesses an attention to detail that is a trademark of the Zannier Hotels experience, from an efficient driver service to the delicious buffet of freshly baked cakes that appears every day at 4pm. Each of the 12 rooms and suites is tastefully decorated in a sophisticated neutral palette of natural materials, and most have an open fireplace, the perfect place to curl up with a book after a long day on the slopes.

*From about £490 a room a night ([www.zannierhotels.com](http://www.zannierhotels.com)).*



84

### Akelarre

[SAN SEBASTIÁN, SPAIN]

San Sebastián's first five-star boutique hotel, perched on a hilltop a few minutes from the city centre, is certainly worth the wait.

Next-door to the restaurant of the same name that has held three Michelin stars under the chef Pedro Subijana since 2007, Akelarre joins an impressive Spanish hotel portfolio that includes Cap Rocat in Mallorca and Totem in Madrid. Bedrooms capitalise on the enchanting sea views with floor-to-ceiling windows and individual terraces; large mirrors in the marble and oak bathrooms add to the airy feel. There's also a peaceful spa with a swimming pool, hydrotherapy circuit and hammam.

*From £275 a room a night ([www.akelarre.net](http://www.akelarre.net)).*







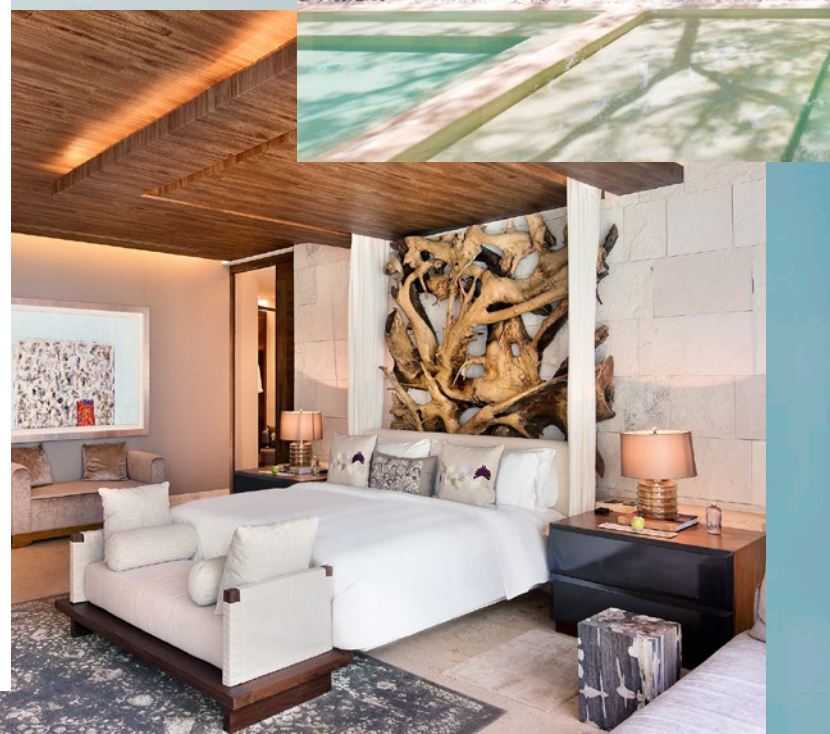
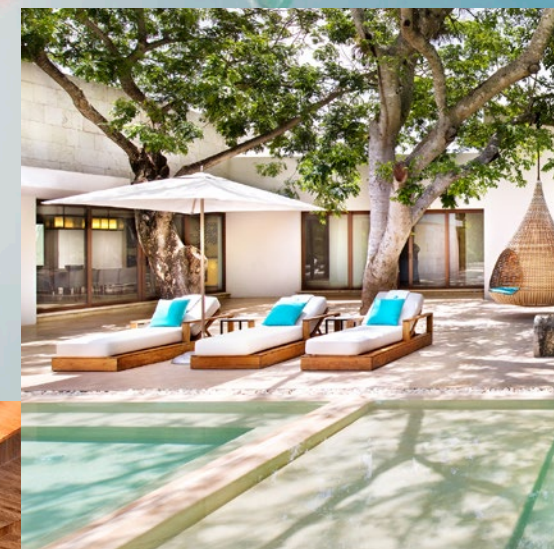
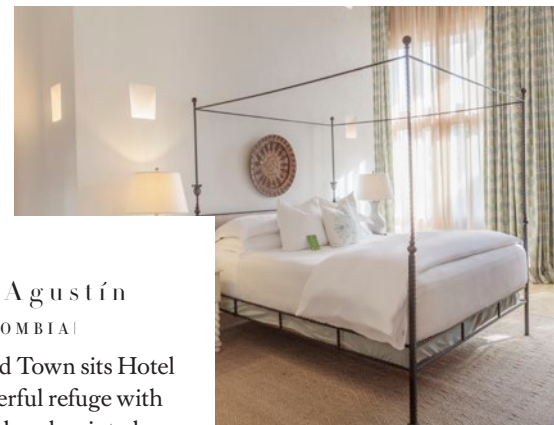
86

### Hotel Casa San Agustín

[CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA]

In the heart of Cartagena's Old Town sits Hotel Casa San Agustín, a characterful refuge with 300-year-old frescoes and hand-painted bathroom tiles. Premium rooms with secluded patios and plunge pools are ideal for couples. You can also while away the hours on a rattan sunlounger by the pool, enclosed within a picturesque courtyard. The hotel restaurant Alma is a destination in its own right and focuses on serving the local speciality: seafood.

*From about £325 a room a night  
([www.hotelcasasanagustin.com](http://www.hotelcasasanagustin.com)).*



87

### Chablé Spa & Resort

[YUCATÁN, MEXICO]

Journey to the centre of the Yucatán jungle to find Chablé – a luxurious shamanic retreat, influenced by the legacy and healing practices of its Mayan ancestors. Awake to an exotic dawn chorus and take a refreshing swim in your casita's pool before dodging the butterflies on your cycle ride to the resort's spa. Here, you can enjoy fresh juices and yoga lessons on a deck looking over a *cenote*, a beautiful natural cave pool. At night, try the region's most delectable cuisine cooked by the illustrious Mexican chef Jorge Vallejo, and sample a tequila collection of over 3,000 bottles. *Seven nights at Chablé, from £5,127 a person based on two sharing, including return Aero Mexico flights, with Red Savannah* ([www.redsavannah.com](http://www.redsavannah.com)).

88

### Masseria Trapana

[PUGLIA, ITALY]

The lovingly restored 16th-century Masseria Trapana is a cool, calm haven with just nine suites set in 60 hectares of ancient olive groves. In summertime, breakfast might include pomegranates, freshly picked from the masseria's gardens, overflowing with scent and colour from every kind of fruit- and nut-tree imaginable. As evening arrives, you can savour homemade mandarin liqueur while swinging in a hammock in the shade of the orange-trees, or wallow in an alfresco bath, eating a fig plucked from the branches above your head. Cooking lessons are also available, so you can recreate a taste of Puglia at home.

*From £215 a room a night  
([www.trapana.com](http://www.trapana.com)).*



89

### Henrietta Hotel

[LONDON, UK]

You may know the Experimental Group for its excellent Cocktail Clubs in London, Paris and New York, but its debut hotel, on one of Covent Garden's prettiest streets, also deserves praise. The 18-room property features brushed-aluminium armchairs, sumptuous carpets and bathrooms with pastel-pink walls and monochrome floor tiles. There are beauty products by John Masters Organics, Malin+Goetz and Ren, and more treats in the minibar, including selections from the Scotch Malt Whisky Society and Sipsmith. This playful ambience continues in the hotel's two-storey restaurant, where dishes are artfully composed by the Michelin-starred chef Ollie Dabbous.

*From £250 a room a night ([www.henriettahotel.com](http://www.henriettahotel.com)).*



90

### Hôtel Les Roches Rouges

[SAINT-TROPEZ, FRANCE]

From the same team behind Paris' Le Pigalle comes Hôtel Les Roches Rouges, a charming coastal escape midway between Saint-Tropez and Cannes. The 50 whitewashed

guest-rooms have wicker furniture, Provençal ceramics and soft Maison de Vacances throws, and you'll find Le Labo products in the bathroom. Swimmers will love the saltwater pool carved out of the shorefront rock, and the grounds also have an open-air cinema, three Esthderm spa rooms and a pétanque court.

*From about £315 a room a night  
([www.hotellesrochesrouges.com](http://www.hotellesrochesrouges.com)).*

